

CHAPTER 50  
ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE  
ACCIDENT REPORTS, TITLING, REGISTRATION AND NUMBERING  
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**571—50.1(321G) Accident report.** Whenever any all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to anyone or property damage amounting to \$200 or more, the operator shall file a report of the accident with the department of natural resources within 48 hours. The report shall be on DNR Form 542-8093, completed and submitted in duplicate, including the following information:

1. Registration numbers of all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles involved.
2. The locality where the accident occurred.
3. Date and time of accident.
4. Weather and visibility conditions.
5. Operator's name, address, age and years of experience in operating all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles.
6. Name(s) and address(es) of owner(s) of all-terrain vehicle(s) or snowmobile(s) involved, and any other witness(es).
7. Name(s) and address(es) of operator(s) of other vehicle(s) involved.
8. Safety equipment being worn by operator and passenger(s).
9. Name(s) and address(es) of any person(s) injured or killed.
10. The nature and extent of injury to any person(s).
11. Description of damage to any property (including all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles) and estimated cost of repair.
12. Description of the accident.
13. Horsepower, make and year of each all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile involved.
14. Estimated speed of vehicles involved.
15. Whether alcohol or drugs were contributing factors.
16. Whether all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile was rented or privately owned.

**571—50.2(321G) Registration and titling—required forms.** All applications, affidavits, liens and certificates shall be completed in full on DNR Forms 542-0540, 542-0974, 542-0976, 542-0978, 542-0979, 542-8050, 542-8065, 542-8067, 542-8092, and 542-8095 as provided by the department.

**571—50.3(321G) All-terrain vehicle and snowmobile safety-education classes.** For the purposes of this rule, all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile safety-education classes shall be considered special events. Unregistered all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles may be used in safety-education classes under the supervision of a certified instructor if successful completion of the course will qualify the student for an Iowa DNR safety certificate.

**571—50.4** Reserved.

**571—50.5(321G) Registration applied for card and proof of purchase.**

**50.5(1) Registration certificate.** The current registration certificate of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile shall be the permit required by Iowa Code section 462A.33 for operation on the surface of the ice.

**50.5(2) Procedure for registration applied for card—content.** The following information shall be furnished, required and stated on the registration applied for card (DNR Form 542-0499):

- a. Name and address of dealer.
- b. Make and model of all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile.
- c. Serial number of all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile.
- d. Present registration number (if any).
- e. Date of purchase.

*f.* Name and address of purchaser.

The above required information shall be legibly printed on the card by the dealer selling the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile. The card shall be completed in duplicate and one copy returned forthwith to the department of natural resources.

**50.5(3) Use.** The registration applied for card may be used only after an application for registration has been made to the county recorder. Placing a completed application for registration and required fee in the mail to the recorder shall constitute making an application.

**50.5(4) Placement on machine.** The registration applied for card shall be placed on the forward portion of the machine in a position so as to be clearly visible at all times and shall be maintained in a legible manner.

**50.5(5) Proof of purchase.** The operator of any all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile displaying a registration applied for card shall carry and display upon request of any peace officer a valid bill of sale for the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile.

**571—50.6(321G) Placement in storage.** If the owner of a currently registered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile places it in storage, the owner shall return the registration certificate to the county recorder with an affidavit on DNR Form 542-8048. The county recorder shall notify the department of each registered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile placed in storage. When the owner of a stored all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile desires to renew the registration, the owner shall apply to the county recorder and pay the applicable fees.

**571—50.7(321G) Application for and placement of new or replacement vehicle identification number (VIN).**

**50.7(1)** The owner of a home-built or rebuilt all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile for which there is no legible vehicle identification number may make application on DNR Form 542-8065 or 542-8067 for the issuance of a new VIN. The application process shall include an inspection of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile by a department designee. If the application is approved, the VIN shall be affixed to the vehicle in the presence of the department designee. The completed application shall then be surrendered to the county recorder.

**50.7(2)** Placement of department-issued vehicle identification number.

*a. Snowmobile.* The VIN shall be affixed in a conspicuous location on the outside of the tunnel.

*b. All-terrain vehicle.* The VIN shall be affixed to the frame under the seat.

*c. Two-wheeled off-road motorcycle registered as an all-terrain vehicle.* The VIN shall be affixed to the steering yoke.

**571—50.8(321G) Identification number.** The audit number on the snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle registration decal shall serve as the identification number required to be displayed as prescribed by Iowa Code section 321G.5.

**571—50.9(321G) Procedure for placement of registration decal.**

**50.9(1) Snowmobile.** The decal with audit number shall be affixed to each side of the front half of the snowmobile so that the decal is clearly visible.

**50.9(2) All-terrain vehicle.** The decal with audit number shall be affixed to the rear so that the decal is clearly visible.

**50.9(3) Two-wheeled off-road motorcycle registered as an all-terrain vehicle.** The decal with audit number shall be affixed to the steering yoke in such a manner that the decal does not cover up the vehicle identification number and is clearly visible.

**571—50.10(321G) Special certificates for dealers or manufacturers.** A manufacturer or dealer may operate an unregistered all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile for purposes of transporting, testing, demonstrating, or selling the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile after first obtaining a special certificate from the department. An application for a special certificate shall be submitted on DNR Form 542-0845.

A manufacturer or dealer operating an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile pursuant to the issuance of a special certificate shall file an annual report on DNR Form 542-8053.

**571—50.11(321G) Dealer’s annual report of expired registrations.** Each dealer shall file, before January 10 of each year, an annual report on DNR Form 542-8054 listing all used all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles held by the dealer for sale or trade and for which the registration fee for the current year has not been paid.

**571—50.12(321G) Monthly all-terrain vehicle reports by county recorders.** Each county recorder shall submit a monthly report to the department on DNR Form 542-0896 listing all all-terrain vehicles registered in that county in the previous month. The applicable fees shall accompany the monthly report.

**571—50.13(321G) Monthly snowmobile vehicle reports by county recorders.** Each county recorder shall submit a monthly report to the department on DNR Form 542-1524 listing all snowmobiles registered in that county in the previous month. The applicable fees shall accompany the monthly report.

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